

STOUTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1941.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area (ac. es)	...	...	...	...	...	40,276
Population (L.R. Census)	...	...	...	...	...	7,315
Population (Estimated)	...	...	...	...	...	7,126
Number of Houses	...	...	...	...	...	2,407
For Houses built by the Council	...	...	...	...	...	111
For Houses built by private enterprise	...	...	...	...	...	111
Ratesable value	...	...	...	...	...	252,240
Product of one penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	2200

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present this report which is again of a condensed nature in accordance with instructions from Headquarters.

POPULATION The figures given for the resident population were 7200.

BIRTHS

The number of live births was 104, 64 males and 40 females.

There were 4 stillbirths - 1 male and 3 female.

DEATHS

There were 74 deaths - 32 male and 42 female. On an estimated population of 7,200 this gives an annual death rate of 10.5 per 1,000 population. Of these deaths the largest incidence was:-

Heart Disease	8 male	8 female
Cancer	5 male	2 female
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	4 male	9 female

INFANTILE DEATHS

There were 5 deaths in children under 1 year of age, which gives an Infantile Death Rate of 48.07 per 1,000 births.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES

The following cases were notified during the year:-

Scarlet Fever	-	4	Removed and recovered
Whooping Cough	-	5	2 died
Diphtheria	-	9	Removed and recovered
Measles	-	136	
Encephalitis	-	5	3 females died
Puerperal Sepsis	-	-	
Tuberculosis	-	6	2 died - 1 male, 1 female

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Mass immunisation was undertaken during the year and with the help of local practitioners 451 children were immunised up to 31st December 1941.

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Males	Females
Syphilis	-	-
Influenza	1	-
Cancer	5	2
Intra-cranial vascular lesions	4	9
Heart Disease	8	8
Other Circulatory Diseases ...	-	1
Bronchitis	-	1
Pneumonia	-	3
Other Respiratory Diseases ...	1	1
Other Digestive Diseases ...	-	3
Other Violent Causes	3	2
All other causes	2	7
Whooping Cough	-	2
Tuberculosis	1	1
Diabetes	-	1
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ...	2	-
Nephritis	1	-
Premature Birth	1	-
Congenital malodies - viz birth		
injuries or infantile disease	2	1
Road traffic accident	1	-
	<u>32</u>	<u>42</u>

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

THOMAS J. KIRK M.B., Ch.B

To the Chairman and Members of the
Stockton Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my report on the part of your area under my control comprising the parishes of Brierton, Glaxton, Dalton Piercy, Elwick, Elwick Hall, Breatham, Hart and Seaton for the year ending 31st December 1941.

As the Registrar General submits population figures for the whole area, vital statistics based on these numbers have already been detailed giving you a picture of your complete district. Consequently, in the matter of figures, I shall confine myself to making a few notes on the incidence of infectious diseases as they affect my section of your district

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

DISEASE	NUMBER NOTIFIED	NUMBER ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	2	1
German Measles	1	Nil
Measles	13	Nil
Pneumonia	5	Nil
Whooping Cough	14	Nil
Diphtheria	3	3
Chicken Pox	2	Nil
Scarlet Fever	4	4
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	2	-

There appears to be a great increase in the incidence of infectious disease. This increase is more apparent than real. During the year Measles, Whooping Cough, and Chicken Pox were made notifiable. It will be seen that these three form about two thirds of the total number notified.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

An extensive immunisation of children to diphtheria was carried out during the year. In this I was greatly assisted by about six voluntary nurses of the Civil Nursing Reserve. Close on two hundred children have been protected by this simple procedure. Three cases of diphtheria occurred during the year. None of these was a "protected" individual.

FEVER HOSPITAL ARRANGEMENTS

Cases of infectious disease were admitted to the West Hartlepool Isolation Hospital. Middlesbrough Corporation have agreed to admit to their Smallpox Hospital such cases as may require admission. Tuberculosis, Maternity & Child Welfare, and Treatment Centres are administered by the County Council.

PROFESSIONAL NURSING IN THE HOME

A district Nurse is stationed at Greatham. She ministers to an area stretching from Wolviston to Graythorp. She is employed by a voluntary Nursing Association which is helped financially by the County Council. A similar body maintains a Nurse at Hart. Her area comprises Elwick, Stotfold, Dalton Piercy and Hart.

MIDWIVES

Both Nurses are Certified Midwives, and they are the only midwives in the district.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Pathological specimens are examined by and reported on by the staff of the Armstrong College of Medicine.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

Fever Cases are removed to hospital at the Council's expense. Other cases must find their own means of transport. We have now, however, an A.R.P. Ambulance stationed at Greatham. The Ministry have given permission for it to be used in "non warfare" cases should the delay in obtaining a private ambulance be prejudicial to the patient.

AIR RAID CASUALTY SERVICES

The supervisions of these have had my constant attention during the year.

We have four First Aid Points and a First Aid Party Depot in the District all staffed by volunteers.

These volunteers are all keen and capable. In the one "incident" which we had, the First Aid Point functioned admirably and the evacuation of the temporary homeless was carried out promptly by the ambulance services from West Hartlepool.

We have also an Ambulance Depot with a staff of two paid females. A Mobile First Aid Post is also available in the event of a serious "incident" such as would be beyond the facilities of our own volunteer personnel.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

G. S. MATHER. M.B., Ch.B (Aberd)
D.P.H. (Camb.)

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR & SURVEYOR
FOR THE YEAR 1941.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Stockton Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Seventh Annual
Report upon the Sanitary Administration in the Rural District.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY - With few exceptions, water is supplied throughout
the area by the Tees Valley Water Board, and the Hartlepool Gas &
Water Co., and these supplies have been unrestricted and of good
quality. Samples are periodically taken and analysed.

No shortage of water occurred during the year in the
villages of Dalton Piercy and Elwick whose supply is derived from
the village pump.

DRAINS & SEWERS

These have been satisfactory throughout the district.
No extensive repairs have been required.

Periodical flushing to the sewers at Egglecliffe, Preston
and Greatham have been carried out, and no serious stoppages have
occured.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS

The sewage works at Whetton and Carlton have worked
satisfactorily.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The collection of refuse is carried out by private
contract. The contract stipulates weekly collections of refuse
from the premises provided with ashbins and ashpans and fortnightly
collections in all other cases.

There is an urgent need for better scavenging arrangements
preferably by direct labour.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS UNDER ARTICLE 19 OF THE SANITARY
OFFICERS ORDER 1926

Slaughterhouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Dwellinghouses (Primary inspection)	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Dwellinghouses (Reinspection)	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	48
Sewage Disposal Works	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Re Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Premises - Swine Fowls &c	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Offensive Accumulations	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Stables	...	...	...	...	...	...	-
Factories	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Miscellaneous:							
Petrol Stations, Fire Appliances, Schools &c							60

INSPECTIONS AND SUPERVISIONS OF FOOD

MILK

Under the Milk and Dairies Order 1926, regular inspections were carried out and defects pointed out as necessary. A great improvement is noticeable in the general conduct of these premises, this having been assisted by the modernising of many byres and dairies.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

Since the adoption of the Meat Distribution Scheme by the Ministry of Food, slaughtering has now ceased within the area, all the meat supplied to butchers in the area being drawn from Stockton and West Hartlepool.

The only inspection of carcasses has been emergency cases.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The position is summarised in the following table which gives the total number of cases notified.

DISEASE	1938	1939	1940	1941	Increase	Decrease
Scarlet Fever	18	19	6	5		1
Diphtheria	9	16	10	10	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	1	-	1	-		1
TOTALS	28	35	17	15	-	2

CAMPING SITES

Number of sites in the area which were used for camping purposes during 1941 Nil

The number of camping sites in respect of which licences have been issued by the Local Authority under Section 269 of the Public Health Act 1936 Nil

The estimated number of campers resident in the area during the summer season... .. Nil

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS

No action has been required

BUILDINGS

During the year, plans for 14 buildings were submitted for the consideration of the Council. In all cases approval was given.

The allocation of buildings in the respective parishes were as follows:-

	Houses	Alterations & Additions to Houses	Garages & Petrol Pumps	Farm Bldgs	Miscel- laneous
Carlton	1	-	-	-	1
Egglescliffe	-	3	1	-	5
Greatham	-	7	-	-	1
Longnewton	-	-	-	-	1
Seaton	-	-	-	-	1
	1	3	1	-	9

The number of these buildings completed during the year was 23

I have the honour to be, Your obedient Servant,

G.E.T. BROWN, A.R.S.I., M.A.S.I.

